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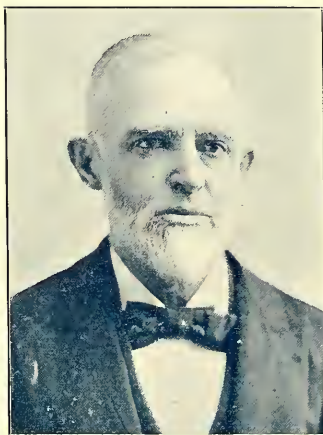
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PROF. J. H. WILSON.

❧❧❧ JOHN H. WILSON graduated from the Indiana State University in 1860, with the degree of A. B. From the same institution he received the degree of A. M. in 1863. In 1861, he was tendered the Chair of Latin in Monmouth College, which he accepted and occupied for five years. He was then transferred to the Chair of Mathematics, in which he served for ten years. In 1875, he was elected to the Chair of Greek which he still occupies. In all these different departments he rendered most efficient and acceptable service. In 1885, in recognition of his superior merit and ability, Parsons College conferred upon him the degree Ph. D. Professor Wilson is a man of solid worth, clear in discernment, sound in judgment, accurate in scholarship and thorough in teaching. He is the senior professor and may with propriety be called the dean of the faculty. He has just completed his thirty-sixth year in connection with Monmouth College, and is highly esteemed and respected, not only by the students now in college, but also by a long list of graduates. "Honor to whom honor."

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

Monmouth College takes great interest in literary matters in general and pardonable pride in its four literary societies in particular. These four societies are all well organized and afford the best of opportunities for mental culture and discipline. There are no fraternities here, and consequently the work of these societies is not hindered by those social organizations. Three of these societies are coeval with the college itself. THE ALETHEORIAN, the youngest, was founded some five years later.

THE PHILOMATHEAN SOCIETY, the predecessor of the present A. B. L., was founded October, 1857. This name, however, was retained but a few weeks, when, the organization remaining the same, it was changed to AMATEURS DES BELLES LETTRES. This name, however, was too long for common use and so it was shortened, by common consent, to the initials A. B. L., by which name it is known today.

THE ALETHEORIAN SOCIETY was founded somewhat later. The date of its organization is 1862, and it first consisted of nine members. Soon after its organization the society received a challenge to a contest from A. B. L. The challenge was accepted and this was the first of a series of annual contests which lasted some twenty years but which have now been discontinued.

The first society to be organized in Monmouth College was THE ERODELPHIAN, and both PHILADELPHIAN and ECCRITEAN look to this as their common origin. This society was founded the very month of the organization of the college itself. In January of the next year, however, alive to the fact that friendly and generous rivalry is a mutual stimulus, the society decided to divide and form two societies. Accordingly, January 9, 1857, two brothers, James R. Harris and Daniel Harris, were chosen to divide the members in two equal bands. This they did, alternately choosing names from the roll of members. Daniel Harris and his followers organized the Eccritean, while James R. Harris and his followers, retaining substantially the organization of the old Erodelpian Society but changing the name, founded the Philadelphian Society. The name Philadelphian has, however, been shortened, and the society is now known as Philo. As thus constituted these two societies exist today. That their respective founders were brothers, was truly symbolical of the fraternal relations

that have ever existed between these two societies. They have ever been rivals, but friendly ones; not as enemies, but as brothers.

Not the least factor in the successful work of the societies hitherto have been the literary contests. For years the two ladies' societies held contests but have now given up the plan. The "Philo-Eccritean" contest, however, has come down to the present time. This contest always brings out the best literary ability in college and is considered the literary event of the year. "Preliminary" contest, at which Monmouth's representative in oratory at the state meet of colleges is chosen, also arouses much enthusiasm in Philo and Eccritean. While in this there is no direct contest between these two societies, yet each society desires to represent the college at Inter-Collegiate. Besides these, there are numerous other contests given by the different societies to arouse interest in literary work. Monmouth's enviable record in oratory is almost alone attributable to its four efficient literary societies.



PHILADELPHIAN SOCIETY. ❧

"Vincit qui se vincit."

Organized September, 1856.

Beveridge, George,
Brownlee, R. H.,
Carnahan, Frank,
Carringer, Harry,
Cavin, Roy,
Chalfant, Frank,
Cox, J. W.,
Ferrell, Dudley H.,
Foland, Ray,
Galloway, Hugh,
Garrett, Mortimer,
Gillis, John,
Gilmer, H. R.,
Glass, A. W.,
Graham, Richard,
Henderson, Arthur,
Hanna, Alonzo,
Harris, Thos.,
Jamieson, Howard,

Johnson, C. L.,
Johnson, Lee,
Livingston, Ralph,
Luther, Ferd,
Mahaffey, John,
Main, Oscar,
Mechaffy, James H.,
McAllister, W. F.,
McBride, D. L.,
McCleery, H.,
McClintock, Edwin,
McKinnie, L. H.,
McMichael, James,
McQuiston, Mel,
McQuown, Scott,
McStravick, C. E.,
Milne, James,
Mitchell, George,
Morrow, A. H.,

Montgomery, Delbar,
Norcross, Hiram,
Phelps, Kenneth,
Pollard, Lacey,
Pollock, Kirk,
Randles, A.,
Robinson, Lee,
Robinson, Wm.,
Ronald, W. R.,
Sharp, D. S.,
Smith, Fred,
Speer, Hugh,
Speer, R. M.,
Thompson, M. J.,
Tripp, Clarence,
Turner, J. H.,
Wallace, P.,
Wilson, George,
Wylie, C. A.,

Members 51.



PHILO SOCIETY.



ALETHEORIAN SOCIETY.✻

"Aude Sapere."

Founded September, 1862.

Acheson, Grace,
Barr, Josephine,
Barr, Laura,
Beveridge, Ella,
Clark, Ella,
Hall, Anna,
Hamilton, Cora,

McCallister, Belle,
McCleary, Jeannette,
McGill, Laura,
McQuiston, Ada,
Meginnis, Clara,
Nichol, Josephine,
Phelps, Mary.

Members 20.

Robinson, Isabella,
Smith, Nora,
Stewart, Erla,
Warnock, Mary,
Whannell, Westina,
Wilson, Alice,

ECCRITTEAN SOCIETY.

Sic Iter ad Astra.

Founded January 9, 1857.

Members, 49.

Blake, Benj. S.,
Baird, Claire J.,
Brown, C. G.,
Barr, George,
Campbell, Win.,
Collins, Stewart,
Dorris, Floyd E.,
Duff, Elbridge H.,
Dunnán, J. Wallace,
Dunbar, Robt.,
Findley, J. W.,
Findley, R. I.,
Findley, Howard,
Fee, D. M.,
Graham, Ralph,
Graham, Roy,
Graham, W. T.,

Graham, Archie,
Garrett, Claude,
Harvey, D. B.,
Hanna, Hugh,
Hill, Ralph,
Jewell, Harry,
Johnson, A. C.,
Lafferty, Guy,
Lorimer, Frank,
Marvin, Earle,
Matthews, R. C.,
Matthews, W. J.,
McCaughy, R. S.,
McCoy, Albert,
McKelvey, W. M.,
McKirahan, J. R.,
McLaughlin, Fred,

Morris, R. W.,
Morrison, Guy,
Munford, S. A.,
McCrackin, A. J.,
Soule, Earle,
Soule, Glenn,
Spence, Howard,
Turnbull, D. R.,
Turnbull, W. G.,
White, Arthur W.,
Wallace, John,
Wilson, Harold,
Wilson, J. Miller,
Wiley, Wirt,
Young, Clyde F.,



ECCRITEAN SOCIETY.





A. B. L. SOCIETY.

AMATEURS DES BELLES LETTRES SOCIETY.❧

"Droit et Avant."

Founded October, 1857.

Alumnae, 224.

Anderson, Louise.
Blake, Minnie A.,
Butler, Nellie,
Breish, Alicia,
Breish, Ethel,
Bruce, Margaret,
Bruce, Martha,
Carr, Sadie.
Carson, Elizabeth,
Christie, Charlotte,
Daggett, Mame,
Dow, Ella,
Dunbar, Anna,
Eakin, Margaret,
Eakin, Mina,
Findley, Kathryn,

Galbraith, Mary
Gibson, Bessie,
Gillespie, Myrtle,
Graham, Aldah,
Graham, Eva.
Graham, Frances,
Harris, Mabel,
Herdman, Ruth,
Hogue, Inez,
Holliday, Mabel,
Loring, Jane,
Lorimer, Elma,
Main, Maude,
McCutchan, Grace,
Morrow, Blanche,
Prugh, Pearl,

Renwick, Myrtle,
Roberts, Kate,
Samson, Esther,
Samson, Tirza,
Smiley, Bessie,
Speer, Florence,
Speer, Hannah,
Stewart, Erma,
Stewart, Lucretia,
Sword, Eva,
Torrence, Elda,
Vincent, Elizabeth,
Wallace, Anne,
Wells, Maude,
White, Cora,
Wright, Belle,

THE CASINO CLUB. ❁ ❁

214 North Third Street

MRS. DR. HOLLINGSWORTH, Cateress.

MEMBERS.

Ferd Luther,
J. W. Dunnan.
Guy Churchill.

D. M. Fee,
O. N. Potter,
W. R. Ronald.

C. A. Wylie.
D. K. Pollock,
Benj. S. Blake.

❁❁❁ Not so large as some other clubs perhaps, but still we manage to enjoy ourselves when seated at the festal board. We have the proud distinction of being the only "bachelor club" in town. With a commendable spirit of progress, and a desire to introduce something new the history of Monmouth clubs, we early in the college year issued a challenge to one of the other clubs to a literary contest. For some inscrutable reason this club would not accept our challenge. Although they put forth many ingenious pretexts, there is a suspicion to us that the real reason was fear of defeat.



CASINO CLUB.

LITERARY CONTESTS.

Preliminary Contest, College Chapel, March 4, 1897.

"Government and the Individual"	W. R. Ronald
"Gettysburg"	Benj. S. Blake

Mr. Ronald won and will represent Monmouth at the state contest this fall.

A. B. L. Declamation Contest, College Chapel, March 19, 1897.

"Brier Rose"	Louise Anderson
"Jamesy"	Agnes Oliver
"Jack, the Fisher"	Belle Wright
"Virginius"	Florence Speer

At this contest Miss Anderson won first prize, and second place was awarded to Miss Oliver.

Philo Oration Contest, Philo Hall, April 23, 1897.

"Outlook of Our Republic"	A. Roy Cavin
"Savonarola"	Kenneth Phelps
"A Modern Hero"	David S. Sharpe

The judges awarded first place to Mr. Sharpe, and gave second place to Mr. Cavin.

LITERARY CONTESTS---Continued.

Philo Declamation Contest, Chapel, February 9, 1897.

"Kentucky Belle"	D. L. McBride
"The Olive Wreath"	A. Roy Cavin
"De Valley and de Shadder"	Alonzo Hanna
"How Jack Vail Won the 'Y'"	D. S. Sharpe
"Parthasius"	Frank Chalfant

Alonzo Hanna was given first prize, and to Mr. Cavin was awarded second prize.

Ecritean Declamation Contest, Ecritean Hall, January 22, 1897.

"Claudius and Cynthia"	Stewart Collins
"The Swan's Song"	J. W. Dunnan
"The Vulture Eye"	S. A. Munford

Mr. Collins was awarded first prize, and Mr. Dunnan was given second place.





J. W. FINDLEY.
F. E. DORRIS.

GLENN SOULE.
HOWARD FINDLEY.

ECCRITEAN CONTESTANTS.

JOHN W. FINDLEY, Eccritean's Debater, is a native of Monmouth, but now resides at Kirkwood. He graduated from Kirkwood High School in 1891, and entered the Senior Preparatory class in college in the year 1892, and is now a Senior. Since his entrance in college he has shown himself a prize winner in whatever contests he has entered. He won first prize in declamation and also first on essay contest. Mr. Findley is a fine writer as well as an accurate reasoner, and this favor came to him by the unanimous vote of his society.

GLENN SOULE, Eccritean's Orator, is a native of Monmouth. After graduating from Monmouth's High School, he attended DePauw University for some time, but came here in his Sophomore year. Mr. Soule came to Monmouth with a reputation already earned at DePauw, and shortly after his initiation as a member of Eccritean was elected declaimer on Philo-Eccritean contest. This contest he won, but he has shown that there is more in him than delivery merely, and hence, this year, he was elected to represent his society as orator. Mr. Soule is a clear thinker and puts his thoughts in clear, simple language. He is a Senior.

FLOYD E. DORRIS, Eccritean's Essayist, was born in California, but later removed to Oregon, from which state he came to Monmouth. He graduated from his home High School in 1894, and that same year entered the Freshmen class in Monmouth. He has been out a year since, so that he is now a member of the Sophomore class. Mr. Dorris is an original thinker and an easy, fluent writer. This is his first contest in college.

HOWARD FINDLEY, Eccritean's Declaimer, was born at Independence, Mo. He attended the common and high school, and in 1894, graduated from Independence High School. That fall he entered the Senior Preparatory class of Monmouth College and is now a Sophomore. He had not long been a member of Eccritean society, when he was recognized as a man of ability, and has appeared on many special programs of his society. In his Freshmen year he won first place in Chapman Declamation contest, and afterward by repeated performances before society sustained his reputation thus acquired.

PHILO CONTESTANTS.

HIRAM NORCROSS will represent Philo on debate. He entered school in '89 and the same year cast in his lot with the boys of the upper hall. Once before has he been society's representative on contest and fulfilled his trust with credit to himself and honor to his constituency. He is one of the society's oldest members, and experience and practice in literary work combined with his natural ability have merited him his position. He is one of the strongest members of the Senior class and seems well adapted to his intended profession of law.

WILLIAM F. MCALLISTER will be the representative of Philo in oratory. He is an old member of the society and one of her strongest thinkers and most brilliant writers. He has represented the college in the Inter-Collegiate contest and secured a creditable place. He served in the U. S. army for sixteen months and was offered a good commission in the Cuban army but declined it that he might finish his college course. He is also a member of the Senior class.

CLARENCE TRIPP of Washington, Iowa, is Philo's essayist. He graduated from the High school of that city in '91 and from the Academy in '94, entering the Junior class in College in the fall of '95. He is naturally a fluent and elegant writer and well deserves his position on the contest team. He is a Senior.

JOHN A. MAHAFFEY, another Senior, is Philo's declaimer. He entered school in '89 as a Senior Prep. He stayed out three years teaching and traveling and gave up a good position to re-enter college. Among his contest honors are second on Philo declamation contest and first on Elliott-Cleland oratorical contest. Several times has he represented the society in open meetings. He is quite an athlete and this year acted as trainer of the high school athletic team.



J. A. MAHAFFEY.
CLARENCE TRIPP.

W. F. McALLISTER.
H. E. NORCROSS.

CLASS OF '97.

MISS MARGARET BRUCE, President.

Colors— Old Gold.

MOTTO:—"Spes sibi quisquam."

CLASS YELL

"Rah, Yoo, 'Rah.

Zip, Boom, Bah,

Ninety-seven, Ninety-seven!

'Rah, 'Rah, 'Rah."

✻✻✻ It is difficult, in so short a space, to fittingly narrate the splendid history of the graduating class, to recount its triumphs and success, and tell of the accomplishments and attainments of its members. Be it sufficient to say that Ninety-seven has a record of which it is proud and of which it is not ashamed to place beside those of the classes which have gone forth from our institution in the past; that it has failed in nothing it has undertaken, and that its class roll contains as brilliant a list of names as any which stands in the long catalogue of Monmouth's Alumni.

Distinguished ever by its progressive spirit and the modernity of its thought, Ninety-seven has not feared to depart from the routine of precedent, and introduce innovations, which in each instance have proven an overwhelming success.

It is sufficient to cite a few instances. Last December we gave a reception in chapel to the students and faculty, which innovation was acknowledged by all to be a very pleasant function and one of the most enjoyable affairs in the social history of the college. Again, too, we had the honor to be the first class to introduce in Monmouth the graceful costume of the universities—the caps and gowns—which we hope will continue to be the garb of future graduating classes.

In the literary world our members have been particularly distinguished. Last year four and this year six of the eight of the Philo-Eccritean contestants were from '97. In society work, journalism and dramatic reading we have representatives of whom we are justly proud.

In athletics, also, we have not been behind. The best catcher that Monmouth's ball team ever

had; the four central men of what was the best football line-up in the history of the college, as well as many fine track and field athletes, are members of the class of '97.

It is with a feeling of regret that we bid farewell to our Alma Mater and go forth to battle with the stern realities of life. Behind as we leave many firm friendships and many pleasant associations, and we carry with us many delightful reminiscences of the days of our college life. Going out to be scattered, no one knows how widely, we shall yet bear with us the spirit of our Alma Mater, and shall face life strong in the individuality and confidence which finds expression in our motto: "*Spes sibi quasquam.*"





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SENIOR CLASS.



THE ANAGRAM CLUB.

✿✿✿ Among the enjoyable and beneficial social organizations in college, during the past year, was the Anagram Club.

The club has no constitution, and by-laws are considered useless, but it possessed an unwritten law that a meeting should be held the first and third Saturdays after the full moon. The evenings were spent in word-building and other pleasurable amusements.

The organization has wrought marvels in the members spelling, and the skillful became so scientific in concealing the vowels that detection was reduced to a minimum. The club is composed of the following ladies and gentlemen:

Mabel Harris,
Blanche Morrow,
Eva Graham,
Charlotte Christie,

Myrtle Renwick,
Hannah B. Speer,
Mabel Holliday,
Pearl Prugh,
Anne Wallace,

Carrie Eakin,
Mina Eakin,
Esther Samson,
Pearl Pollard,

Hugh B. Speer,
J. W. Findley,
F. E. Dorris,
Claude B. Garrett,

E. H. Duff,
R. W. Morris,
Wm. Graham,
Fred. M. McLaughlin,
Guy J. Morrison,

Ralph Livingston,
J. M. Wallace,
Howard Hamilton,
Clarence Tripp.

JUNIOR CLASS.

MISS ESTHER SAMSON, President.

Colors—Royal Purple and Old Gold.

CLASS YELL.

“Whap-a-doodle,

Whap-a-doodle,

Hoo-rah-hee,

'98, '98, old M. C.”

There are class histories and class histories but there are none, we are safe in saying, that can compare with the history of the Class of '98. Never in the history of the college has there been at one time within the walls of the institution such an aggregation of bright students, learned scholars, embryonic statesmen, promising philosophers, persuasive orators, and original thinkers as may be found in the Class of '98. Yet, unlike some classes who think that there are no noble classes but they, we admit with all candor that there are many other classes, but we defy refutation when we say that, to king the class as a whole, we easily carry off the palm for brilliancy in all lines of work. Our professors are astounded, our fellow-students amazed, and the world looks on with breathless expectancy. Realizing the enormity of the task of writing such a history as is befitting such a class, the historian feels utterly incapable. But if the history is not as it should be, it is not because of lack of virtues or achievements which should be mentioned, but because the historian is unable to find words which would befittingly portray the incomparable brilliancy and worth of the class.

We measure time, not by hours, but by events. Nevertheless, ours have been events of great enjoyment. Hence the present college year has passed all too swiftly and we are confronted with the fact that the year is drawing to a close and that we are about to end another epoch in history-making.

The year has been a continuous whirl of pleasures, interspersed with plenty of hard work. We have not only sustained our record for being a class which can have most enjoyable socials, but we have introduced into college society an innovation which, it is hoped, may go down to posterity as a memorial of the Class of '98. During the year we have had two socials, one at the home of Miss Inez Hogue, the other at the home of Miss Josephine Nichol. These were most enjoyable affairs, although we experienced a few difficulties in reaching the home of Miss Nichol. Nevertheless, this did not

detract from the pleasures of the evening, and we came away from both socials voting our hostesses most delightful entertainers and congratulating ourselves that the Junior class was composed of such fine people and that we belonged to the Junior class. On the evening of May 11 the Juniors "received" the Seniors at the home of Miss Mary Phelps. An enjoyable time was had by all, but modesty forbids our expatiating upon the success of the entertainment. Nevertheless, this was an idea original with the Juniors and shows their progressiveness and depth of thought. The idea was well received and it is earnestly hoped that it may become a custom.

Nor are our natures dwarfed, for we excel on the athletic field, and especially do we shine in the class-room. Ask the professors and listen to their common reply. They are unanimous in saying that they cannot understand us; our answers and theories are inexplicable to them. In chemistry and physics new elements are found, and old laws laid aside and science materially advanced. New theories have been promulgated by us which have revolutionized political economy and rhetoric. Fond parents have their highest hopes realized when they see on the grade-card of their child a mark of '93.

But there must be an end of all things; hence, histories must cease to be written; but never, until time shall have merged into eternity, shall the remembrance of the Class of '93 be blotted out from the earth, nor its influence cease to be felt.



OUR BOYS' CORNER.

❧❧❧ Ralph G——m. We don't know the exact time it would take a letter to go to Alabama. Yes, there are plenty of Doctors in the South already.

Thomas H——s. It is very easy to learn to be "tough;" anybody can tell you how. It would not be expedient, however, to print a list of the most approved cuss words now in use.

Howard J——n. The motto of this paper is: "Nothing for nothing, and very little for a cent" We send out no sample copies.

William McA——r. Keokuk is a city in Iowa. We are not acquainted with the young ladies of that place, though we have heard they are noted for their beauty.

John M——y. Please ask your question in plain Anglo Saxon. You use several words we never saw, hence we do know what you mean.

Claude G——t. No, we don't believe you are quite old enough to get married.

Dudley F——l. Of course you should be allowed to do whatever you wish in the matter. How much of Monmouth College did you say you owned?

Ralph H—. Missionaries for India are in demand. Consult your pastor concerning the matter.

C. A. W——e. We do not believe it would pay to have a billiard hall in connection with the college.

Arthur W——e. Don't let a little thing like that disturb you. We have been thrown out ourselves. But you ought not to stay so late.

Howard F——y. Yes, we believe it is your duty to take back the ironing board. You might want to borrow it again.

Ralph McK——n. We believe there is no such place as Oskaloosa, Iowa, on the map.

Elda T——e. You have gotten into the wrong corner. The editor does not know the difference between a polonaise and a wrapper. No, we don't mean a wig.

Ralph L——n. Allison was not nominated for the presidency, though we believe his name was proposed.

C. E. McS——k. We do not believe it would be proper for you to take the girl you mention to the theater. Your first duty is to your wife.

David T——l. The circulation of THE ORACLE is something less than 10,000.

Arthur J——n. Should cousins marry? Of course they should. We don't see why a cousin hasn't as good a right to marry as an aunt, or an uncle or brother. They all get used to cousin pretty soon, anyway.

Robert M——s. A couple ought to live very comfortably on \$800 per year. O, yes, you are old enough.

Claire B——d. We don't deal in live stock. Address your letters to the pony farm.

Lewis McK——y. You ought to take the pillow case back, they may need it.

Arthur H——n. You did just right in yelling for the police. Anybody would have done the same.

John W——e. Washington's birthday comes on the 22d of January. It is customary some places to celebrate it.

Hugh S——r. We never heard of a college at Tarkio, Mo. You must be mistaken in the place.

Clyde Y——g. There is no matrimonial agency in Monmouth that we know of. Advertise in THE ORACLE.

M. J. T——u. We think you did just right, in refusing to speak to her. Any girl who asks her father to kick a gentleman caller out, doesn't deserve recognition.

George W——n. We will put your picture in the Annual for two dollars and fifty cents. No, we couldn't take the pay in soft soap.

Earl S——e. Because her father is "well heeled" is no reason why you should be in a hurry. It may be his toe also is good and strong.

THE CLARKE BOARDING-HOUSE.

❁❁❁ We are not a club in the strict sense of the word, for we are not sticks. We might say that we are at a hotel for we have many things requisite to such an establishment, even two *Barrs*. We might imagine that we were in a private family, for we could easily call the *Butler*. But without any boasting on our part, we think we are a little bit better than any of the above, although we are only a boarding-house. This boarding-house opened its doors last year and has so grown in favor, that at present, it is the largest boarding-house in the city wholly given over to students.

We are not only very nice people but always have good things to eat. When one has that feeling of "an inward nothing longing for an outward something" it is with pleasure that we hear the call to meals and with all possible alacrity and celerity we proceed to "sling our feet under the tables" and do ample justice to the savory viands prepared by the hands of Mrs. Clarke.

Nor are our meals unenjoyable in other respects. We all believe that laughter is a good medicine, and jokes and witticisms, good sances and relishes, and partake of them quite freely, and we think that this accounts, in a large degree, for our good health during the year. The year has been enjoyed by all, and the pleasant associations will long be remembered by all. The following is the line-up at meal time:

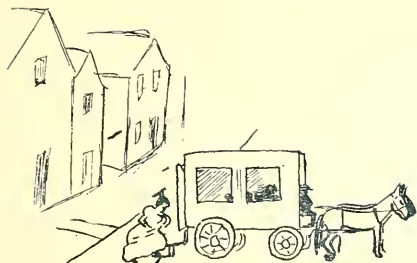
Barr, Anna Josepine,
Barr, Laura,
Blake, Mynne,
Blake, Elmira Lucretia,
Butler, Nellie Estelle,
Carson, Elizabeth,
Dorris, Floyd Eugene,
Duff, Elbridge Herbert,

Eakin, Carrie Margaret,
Eakin, Mina Belle,
Findley, John Walker,
Gillespie, Myrtle Elizabeth,
Harris, Martha Mabel,
McLaughlin, Fred Miller,
Morrison, J. Guy,
Morris, Robert Wilson,

Prugh, Frances Pearl,
Renwick, Myrtle Luvurn,
Speer, Adani Ritchie,
Speer, Hannah Belle,
Vincent, Elizabeth Helen,
Vincent, Grace Margaret,
Wallace, Anne Gemmaill.



CLARKE BOARDING-HOUSE.



The girls get in the bus



But escape

A. S. C.



When they get there,

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

MISS CORA WHITE, President.

Colors—Orange and Black.

CLASS YELL.

Hip Ha! Rip Ra!

Peda! Balco! Balee!

'99! '99! Old M. C.

❁❁❁ Another year of College life has passed, with all its joys and sorrows; and it can be truly said that our class has advanced with wondrous strides toward the goal of every collegian. At the beginning of the year we emerged from "Freshy land" into the reality of our dreams, and found ourselves equal, and more than equal, to cope with the dangers and discouragements of the hardest year of the college course. Several times during the year our class has been threatened with dire destruction but every time we have emerged from the crisis with "colors flying."

On Oct. 10, '95, a class picnic was held at Jack's Mill. Although it rained nothing could daunt our ardor. The day turned out to be especially full of enjoyment until we were returning home. Many miles from town—so many that the electric light could not be seen—our bus turned over, illustrating most inopportunistly the law of gravitation. When a review of the damage was taken, several of the class were found to be injured. One about the arms; another all over; and a third, in the back. But *mirabile dictu*, they were soon restored to perfect health by the physician.

After this we made steady advancement in our studies, although the base slander has been thrown at us that we "trotted;" yet it is known that we go on our own legs and that too at a pretty fast clip. If Socrates could only visit Plato class and hear the suggestions and explanations which are made, he would be filled with envy at our depth of knowledge, and bless the gods that he had at last found men and women wiser than himself.

Hallowe'en night, Oct. 31st, '96, found the Sophomores again assembled at the hospitable home of Mrs. and Mr. Burus. The evening was spent most enjoyably in the observance of the old-time customs of the night.

The evening of March 9th witnessed another delightful Sophomore affair. A social was held at the home of Howard Findley at which every member of the class was present. Although a crowd besieged the house—striving to catch a glimpse of the paradise—they could not enter. Yet by those within they were ignored and unheeded. The next morning as the sun arose its first beams fell upon the college stones newly defaced with a coat of "green and white" paint. Our taste of the æsthetic being pained by these colors, we, the Sophomores, very obligingly removed them. But for our kindness were summarily "hung" and denied the privilege of the college. For awhile the suspense was "awful." During this period the Soph. girls gave a reception to the boys of the class at the "Pines." This was a most enjoyable affair, but that pleasure was blended with sorrow at the separation that seemed inevitable. But fortune smiled upon us, and by an amicable adjustment of the affair, the suspended ones were reinstated and once more all went as merry as a wedding bell.

As has been said, this year has been hard in many respects, but we hope that the next years we have in college will yield to us the joys and pleasures toward which we are now advancing. Then, when this our college life is past, we hope to go far into the world, and by our words and works, make it far better than we found it.



CLASS OF '00.

L. H. McKINNIE, President.

Colors—Green and White.

CLASS YELL.
Clickety! Clackety!
Sis! Boom! 'Rah!
1900!
'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah!

✿✿✿ Although Freshmen, yet we remember through the long lapse of years since we studied "common branches" of learning, that an authority on arithmetic taught that there are nine significant figures—ciphers not being taken into consideration. The afore-mentioned author did not tell the meaning of two ciphers. That was left to the class of '00 Monmouth College. It is unfortunate that this class of greatest significance, should have such an insignificant name, but we and Shakespeare have decided that a name is of no consequence. At the same time, the work of explaining the '00, or as some call us, "Double Nothing," continues.

In one of the very instructive and never forgotten chapel talks, we heard this suggestive sentence: "We are none of us here by accident." Suggestive to us, because it suggests the truth of our case. It is not accident that our class is destined to be the guiding star of the present university "preps," and the envy and admiration of the classes preceding 1900. It is not an accident that we shall introduce to the world in 1900 a class, progressive with the age. Our memory shall extend to—well, indefinitely.

Although our achievements are far in advance of the nineteenth century, yet we observed the well-known custom of honoring Washington and ourselves incidentally. The custom, dear to the heart of every Freshman, and an object of anticipation to the students generally! The Freshman banquet! "Push it vigorously" seems to have been the motto, so vigorously indeed that it was not followed intelligently by the student body. The pushing even made the event occur two days before the birthday of the Father of his Country. The fact that the anxious upper classmen suspected a change in date of celebrating the ancient custom, shows that the originality of the Freshmen is un-

deniable. Our independence of thought and action forbade our telling our plans to others; and by some complicated arrangement the faculty was not informed. But we held the banquet? Yes, after several of our girls had traveled to a neighboring town, and our boys had been treated to a drive in the country.

Scarcely had the spring term opened, when we began to consider the feasibility of giving a picnic. Even before the Sophs had given theirs, or had given their ever ready advice. Ours was the first picnic of the season. But since we are first in everything, further amplification of this subject is unnecessary—First in class war, first in class peace, and first in the affections of the faculty.

Among our number will be found able men of every profession—painting included. But why speak of the future? Is not our present record sufficient to insure a brilliant future?

In the mean time the class of '00 is becoming more significant—if this were possible—and our works, following us, are our best recommendation.



THE BOYNTON CLUB.

There are clubs and clubs. Some are useful, some ornamental and some neither. Of these kinds The Boynton belongs to both of the first two, in that the club is useful as well as ornamental. Of those clubs which are ornamental, some are born beautiful, some achieve beauty and some have beauty thrust upon them (their faces). No member of the Boynton would ever be suspected of the last, and as none of them have been known to achieve beauty, they must belong to those who were born beautiful, to which statement anyone who knows them will readily testify.

During the fall term this club was under the charge of Mrs. Anderson, who for reasons known to all, saw fit to give it up. It was not forced, however, to go without shelter long. Mrs. Boynton succeeded in capturing the prize, and since about the first of February, it has been under her excellent supervision. There are eighteen members, fourteen boys and the rest girls. But our lack of girls, is not owing to lack of applications. Ah, no. The standard of beauty, culture and refinement is so high that very few were able to pass the rigid examination and so had to seek board elsewhere. Their table talk could be used as a model of English prose and the conversations are the perfections of purest composition.

"Their talk is like a stream which runs,
With rapid strides from rocks to roses;
It slips from politics to puns,
It glides from Mahomet to Moses;
Beginning with the laws which keep
The planets in their radiant courses;
And ending with some precept deep,
For skinning eels or shoeing horses."

A book relating the doings and sayings of this club has been seriously considered. In athletics, too, they are not deficient, having met and defeated Hunter's base ball team in a close game by a score of 7 to 6.

The names of those who make up this remarkable organization are as follows:

Miss Alicea Breish,	Arthur Marvin,	Miss Agnes Oliver,
David Turnbull,	Clarence Tripp,	Howard Spence,
Frank Alberson,	Miss Ethel Breish,	Arthur McCrackin,
Lewis McKinney,	Earl Marvin,	John Wallace,
Howard Hamilton,	George Barr,	Archie Graham,
Miss Bertha Boynton,	Sam Mumford,	Harry Jewell.



BOYNTON CLUB.

DANCING CLUB.❧

MASTER OF CEREMONIES,
C. E. McStravick.

FLOOR MANAGER,
C. A. Wylie.

LEADER OF ORCHESTRA,
Hiram Norcross.

ADVISORY BOARD,
Jim McMichael, Ben Blake, Tom Brown.

Meetings:—Every Wednesday evening after prayer meeting.

S. Wallace Woodburn,
Anna Hall,
Ella Clark,
Edwin McClintock,
Josephine Barr,
Margaret Bruce,
Arthur Henderson,

John Findley,
Maude Wells,
D. M. Fee,
W. J. Dickson,
Miller Wilson,
Laura McGill,
Grace Acheson,

Frances Graham,
Westina Whannell,
Al Glass,
Frank Chalfant,
And many others.

HERE AND THERE.

Brown, (at Junior Social)—“Well, just you put any more of that lampblack on me.”

Collins—“Why, haven't you got enough yet?”

Student, in Greek, reading—“And the hay, which they carried in bundles—”

Prof.—“What do you do with the hay, Mr. ——?”

Another Student—“He feeds it to his pony, Professor ”

Student—“Miss S. can you play cinque?”

Miss S.—“No. I can't play cinque, but I'm pretty good at high-five ”

If you don't see the joke in this ask your pastor about it.

Would the prisoner who got 60 days for throwing a brick at a man have gotten 30 days if he had thrown only half a brick?

When Edward P. Elliott introduced the story of the bashful lover who asked the object of his affections if she wanted to be buried in his father's lot in the cemetery. A certain girl was heard to exclaim: “Why R——, that's just what you told me.” We just wonder what she answered.

“There,” said one student to another, “are two souls with but a single thought.”

“Which has it?” asked the other.

When we read of two persons being made one, we have always wondered which one it was

Girl student—“Mr. ——, what are going to do this evening?”

Mr. ——, —“Oh. I guess I'll stay at home and hug the stove ”

G. S.—“Come down to our house.”

Teacher —“Miss S——. whom did the ancients think supported the earth?”

Miss S——, —“Atlas.”

Teacher—“ But who supported Atlas?”

Miss S——, —“Oh, his wife probably took in washing.”

Mr. G——. "I wear gloves at night in order to make my hands soft."

Miss R——. "Oh, Mr. ——, do you wear a night cap, too?"

And he couldn't understand why they all laughed.

1st Student. "I'm not going near that old college again."

2d Student. "Why, what's the matter?"

1st S. "I don't like the remarks one of the professors made to me."

2d S. "What did he say?"

2d S. "He said, 'Mr. ——, you're expelled!' "

When a wheel gets so old it easily runs out of wind, it's time to have it retired.



CLASS OF 1901.

*** The question may arise, Can any good come out of Prepdom? Modesty forbids our speaking the truth, but if the observer would attend our socials, picnics and recitations the opinions formed could not be otherwise than the one unanimously decided upon by the class—that we are the embryo of the most brilliant class in college, and that 1901 shines as the brightest star in the firmament among her sister constellations.

Do we have socials? Of course we do, and here we take great pleasure in publicly acknowledging the entertainment afforded us on several of these happy occasions by upper classmen.

Perhaps we should have remembered that their immaculate linen would not shed water, and that pneumonia and sore throat is contracted by night air and cold water, but our sensitive ear was jarred by their discordant music, and we felt their ardor must be dampened.

Our aspirations are high. Strive to excel has been our motto in the past; and as we emerge from the realms of prepdom we hope to maintain—yea, even excel—the high standard of excellency set before us by our predecessors.



A.S.C.

THINGS EVERYBODY DOESN'T KNOW.

❖❖❖ Why Collins missed the fun at the Freshman banquet. What Mahaffey meant by his question to Prof. Graham in Ethics.

Why Norcross didn't visit A. B. L. Hall one evening last winter.

Why Livingston goes home so frequently.

Why Harris is getting "tough."

How Hill gets such a good grade in Dr's room.

That Hamilton is engaged.

What Brown is after.

What is the good of commencement orations.

How Alonzo Hanna happened to take Declamation contest.

What the X ray machine would discover in some people's head.

How personal those talks to the girls sometimes are.

What kept Morrison sick so long.

How soon several members of the Senior class are going to be married.

Why Findley didn't take back that ironing board he used one night.

That all the boys in college except one are "skates."

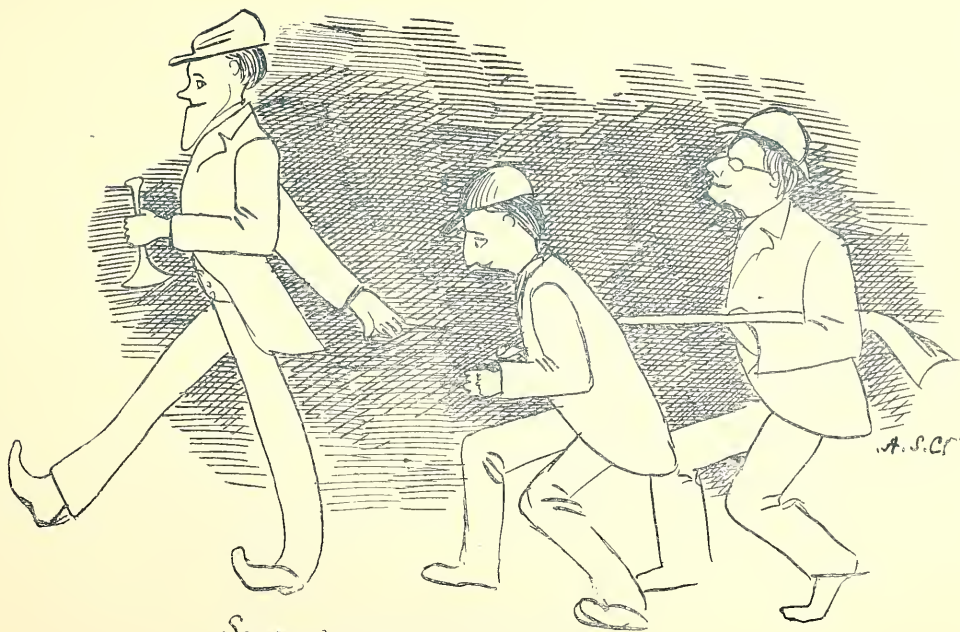
How Grant McKnight likes married life.

Who tore up McKirahan's room.

Why Henderson yelled for the police.

That Garrett has a "date" for next year's lecture course.

Who said these things.



Snipe hunting, November, 1896.

ECCRITABELLE.

The question devolving upon one of spending the evenings enjoyably and profitably, prompted some fertile imaginations to conceive the idea of uniting themselves into a brilliant, congenial coterie. The plan materialized, and soon a new social organization sprang into life, termed the Eccritabelle Club.

Meetings of the club are held semi-monthly, and the evenings are spent in philosophical researches and investigations. These have been the source of much enjoyment and deep study, so much so, in fact, that one, pondering over the lately acquired accomplishment of treading his way through the intricacies of the cake-walk, forgot his fair companion, and in a fit of mental aberration hied himself home alone. The membership consist of

LADIES:

Mynne Blake,
Elizabeth Carson,
Anna Dunbar,
Margaret Bruce,

Martha Bruce,
Mira Blake,
Elda Torrence,
Elizabeth Vincent,
Janie Loring,

Fannie Graham,
Lucretia Stewart,
Belle Stewart,
Louise Anderson.

GENTLEMEN:

S. A. Munford,
D. R. Turnbull,
Wm. Turnbull,
A. J. McCracken,
E. A. Soule,

Ralph Hill,
C. G. Brown,
Earl Marvin,
Glenn Soule,

A. C. Johnson,
J. W. Wallace,
Ralph Graham,
A. S. Collins,
R. C. Dunbar.

LECTURE COURSE.

*** The management of the Philo-Eccritean Lecture Association are to be congratulated on the high class talent they have furnished their patrons the 'past year. Each attraction was a master in his particular line. Although the committee struggled against difficulties, they are deserving of praise for their successful management of affairs. The lectures of the year were:

Dec. 1, Redpath Concert Company.

Dec. 17, Rev. N. D. Hillis.

Jan. 12, Wm. A. Colledge.

Feb. 11, Bernhard Listemann.

Mch. 8, Edw. P. Elliott.

Mch. 20, Prof. DeMott.

As an extra the committee secured Miss Leotta Longfellow in her statue posing and impersonations, assisted by the Harpist Miss Charbonneau. The entertainment was a signal success. Miss Longfellow appearing at her best in the "Princess."

THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

JOHN W. FINDLEY.

*** The purpose of the Christian Union is the same it has ever been—to uphold the standard of Christ among the students of Monmouth; to exalt our ideas, and to intensify our purposes.

As to the accomplishment of our purpose during the past year, it is a question which is largely individual, yet we have witnessed the unmistakable fruits of the spirit in our midst, so that we *know* the year had been one of profit to us as a union as well as individually. Many of the new students have taken their place in the active work of the union, and many of the old students, have, for the first time, taken their share in the service. A number, both of old and new students, have, for the first time, taken the name of their Master, and some who have followed "afar off" have come closer and learned the blessedness of companionship with their "elder brother."

We have been especially favored during this year with aid from the outside. Mr. George B. Smith, college secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Illinois, spent some days with us reviewing our work and giving us helpful suggestions. Prof. John B. DeMotte told us of the victory over ourselves which is requisite to successful living. The Rev. H. H. Bell impressed on us the necessity of separation from the world to Christ. Mr. Charles T. Studd, of England, spent two busy days with us in personal interviews and heart-to-heart talks, leading us to a fuller knowledge of the power and joys of the service of Christ. Rev. J. Knudsen and the Rev. Geo. W. Morrison told us of the world-wide field from its aspect on the frontier.

So we have been brought into contact with lives that are pure, with minds that are strong, and with purposes that are moved by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In another year, following implicitly the guidance of this Blessed Spirit, under the leadership

of efficient officers whom we have chosen, as individual members of the union supporting them faithfully, we may be sure that we will do His will.

As we take up the work of this year let us remember that we are His witnesses in Monmouth College, and to the uttermost part of the world. As He is with us all the days, let us take Him to many sin-sick souls, remembering that as it was in Galilee, so now, as many as touch him shall be made whole.





"THE MAY PARTY."

*** According to the custom established last year, the members of the Aletheorian and A. B. L. Societies entertained the gentlemen of the college in the Chapel, May 1st.

The affair was looked forward to with great anticipation, and when the evening arrived, collegians and preparatory men could be seen flocking in from all directions. They were received at the head of the stairs by the committee and piloted to the voting booth, where they were permitted to cast their ballots for the May Queen.

Miss Margaret Bruce, of Montgomery, Ala., was honored by receiving the largest number of votes, and was escorted to the throne by the maids of honor and crowned Queen of the May.

Then the old fashioned, but beautiful May Dance was executed by sixteen maidens, gliding through the mazes of the dance with a light and airy pace that charmed the spectators. The guests were entertained the latter part of the evening with musical selections, and later, refreshments were served in the music room.

But all good things must end, and the clock tolling the hour of ten dispersed the revelers; all concurring that as entertainers the ladies of Aletheorian and A. B. L. societies are second to none.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

- Wants: He doesn't know what. —Bill Graham.
Wants: A first-class deck of cards —Ed. McClintock.
Wants: We "dassent" tell.—Pearl Prugh.
Wants: An oration.—All the members of the Senior Class.
Wants: Some second-hand neckties.—Claude Garrett.
Wants: A girl for contest night.—W. R. Ronald.
Wants: Nothing that she knows of.—Ann Wallace.
Wants: A few good jokes —THE ORACLE.
Wants: Some snipes —Harpster.
Wants: To go to Cuba.—W. F. McAllister.
Wants: Some more "ads."—THE ANNUAL.
Wants: An honorary dismissal.—Ferrell.
Wants: A base ball hit —McKirahan.
Wants: A vocabulary.—Harold Wilson.
Wants: Something good for a sprained back —Howard Findley.
Wants: All he can get.—R. L. Hill.
Wants: A girl —George Wilson.
Wants: A good list of slang phrases.—Jimmie Schall.
Wants: A book on English grammar —Arthur McCracken.
Wants: To be thought tough.—Tom Harris.
Wants: Somebody to exchange photographs.—Alonzo Hanna.
Wants: Somebody to love.—Sophomore girls.
Wants: To change her name.—Pearl Pollard.
Wants: A good shot gun or another boot-jack.—Dr. McMichael.
Wants: Call round and she'll tell you what —Charlotte Christie.
Wants: A cook stove, some chairs, a table and other second-hand furniture.—John Findley.
Wants: A box of bon-bons —Every girl in college.

Wants: A position of little work and big wages —All the Senior boys

For Sale: Several brushes and two cans of paint —Sophomores.

For Sale: A library of second-hand text books.—Seniors.

For Sale: A lot of Annuals.—ORACLE board.

For Sale: Some hats, several sizes too small.—Senior Preps.

For Sale: An Odell type-writer.—THE ORACLE

For Sale: Some secret society paraphernalia.—The Mystic Brotherhood.

For Sale: Some evidences of Christianity.—Earle Soule.

For Sale: Two bottles arnica, some witch hazel, and a rubber bandage —Ralph Graham.

Lost: A plug of piperheidsic —H. Norcross.

Lost: Three wads of chewing gum.—Elda Torrence.

Lost: A heart.—Glenn Soule.

Lost: A hat on the Knoxville base ball game.—R. L. Livingston.

Lost: Lots of precious time.—Everybody.

Lost: Some more osculation. Please return.—The pretty girls.

Lost: A cent.—Charles Brown.

Lost: A pair of dice.—Claire Baird.

Also, another Paradise Lost.—Milton.

Strayed: Several members of the cavalry brigade—of good stock—which go by the names of Virgil Plato and Sulla.—Leave at the president's office.



1883-EUREKA CLUB.—1897.

MRS. S. E. and MISS EMMA PORTER.

CLUB YELL.

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Caw! Caw! Caw!

Eureka! Eureka!

Fourteen years have passed since the bud of a new flower opened itself to the sunlight and the student joyously cried, Eureka!

Since then many others have bloomed and emitted their fragrance, but the frosts nipped them and we alone are left to tell the story. Many pleasant hours have we spent around Eureka's bountifully furnished tables, and it is with a sigh as we say good bye, perhaps forever. We will long remember a few especially pleasant hours at our club picnic at Mr. Lundborg's.

Those who gather promptly (?) at roll call are as follows:

Laura Duncan,
Ella Clark,
Helen Culbertson,
Jessie Crawford,
Margaret Beveridge,
Geo. Beveridge,
Herbert Baird,
Richard Graham,
Hugh Galloway,
Oscar Main,
Westina Whannell,

Cora White,
Alice Wilson,
Maude Wells,
Maude Main,
John Mahaffey,
Belle Robinson,
Howard McCleery,
Nettie McCleery,
Belle McAllister,
Geo. L. Mitchell,
D. L. McBride,

Andrew Randalls,
Will Robinson,
D. S. Sharpe,
Aldah Graham,
Kate Roberts,
Nora Smith,
Wallace Cox,
R. H. Brownlee,
M. J. Thompson,



EUREKA CLUB.

SPECTACLE CLUB.

❁❁❁ Juvenile Whiskers Findley,
Always Weary Henderson,
Can't-be-Beaten Garrett,
Missed-the-Girl Soule,
Another Confounded Johnson,
Awfully Windy White,
Acting Judge McCracken,
Always Grumbling Wallace,
Good-boy-to-Learn Wilson,
Decidedly Religious Turnbull,
Friend-of-Everyone Dorris,

Right-in-the-band-Wagon Morris,
Champion Atheist Wylie,
Much-in-Little Renwick,
Helps-himself-to-the-Exchequer Norcross,
Let-er-Rip McGall,
Company-to-Many Aikin,
Mighty English Gillespie,
Must-have-been-Jilted Thompson,
Ambitious-to-Shine Collins,
Come-and-see-her Christie.

OUR GIRLS' CORNER.

❀❀❀ L. H. A girl of fifteen should wear her dresses about to her ankles.

C. A. D. We believe a girl of twenty-five is old enough to go out in company, though we would not advise much of it till thirty or more.

R. E. L. No, we think it not exactly proper to allow your photograph to be put in cigarette packages. It looks as though you are too anxious to become known.

S. T. Why don't you speak to your mother about it? or your father's boot-jack might be a remedy if administered rightly.

S. V. R. We wouldn't advise you to ask a gentleman friend in after midnight. He might want to stay for breakfast.

Constant Reader. Yes, THE ORACLE is authority on all matters pertaining to etiquette.

ANON. We are not acquainted with the merits of love charms. If your love is unreciprocated it might pay you to try them.

G. —ch —s—n. Parke Davis & Co's Emulsion of Pure Norwegian Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Calcium and Sodium is an excellent remedy for building up the system. We know of several who gained five pounds per week taking it.

J—s—ph—n B—rr. If, as you say, you are very poetically inclined and have already written several fine poems, we see no reason why you might not publish a book of them. Send us a sample.

M—— D—gg—tt. The Fee for such a license as you speak of is about one dollar and a half.

F. Gr—h —m. Your poem, "The effusion of a love-sick heart," has been handed to our literary editor. It will appear in due time.

Mabel H —y. We see no impropriety in your escort's taking your arm, provided it is the one next to him.

Blanche M——w. We know of no place where you can learn to be a circus performer except the circus itself. Yes, you must be good looking.

Pearl P——h. The expediency of engagements in college must be decided by the parties interested. No, the editor of this department is not married.

Ham N—s. The editor of this department knows nothing whatever about the different brands of tobacco. This is a girls' corner. Address your letter to the proper person.

Maude W—s. We know nothing concerning your lost bicycle seat. Advertise for it in some respectable paper as the ORACLE.

Ruth H—n. Of course good house-keepers should know how to cook. It is one of the first requisites of a good house wife.

Pearl P—d. It is very considerate of the young man who wishes to practice economy by sitting without any light in the parlor. You ought to encourage him in his good traits.

Martha B—e. We don't know what to advise you to take to make you grow. Anyway, small girls are quite the style now-a-days.

Anna H—l. We know of no good opening for a fancy dancer on the stage. Advertise in the Police Gazette.

Mira B—e. No, a star by one's name in the catalogue does not mean he or she is engaged.

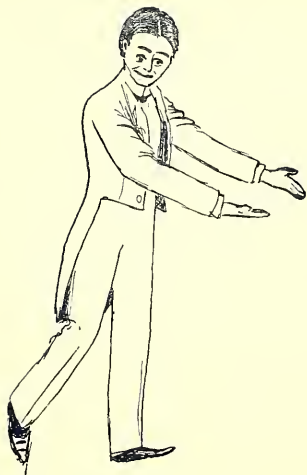
Anna D—r. In the costume you speak of we should judge you would be a blooming success.

Helen C—s. The song, "O, For a Mann," may be had from any retail dealer.

Laura M—l. We don't blame the young man for objecting to your eating out at the night he calls. He probably meant no reference to getting married when he said, "In onions there is strength."

Margaret B—e. Are we engaged to Miss ———? My goodness, no! We'd as soon think of marrying Beelzebub's eldest daughter, and then go home to live with the folks.





THE FRESHMAN BANQUET.

✿✿✿ If the Father of the Country had seen the anxiety and inconvenience the celebration of his birthday caused the Freshmen of Monmouth College, he certainly would have assumed the attributes of Topsy and "just growed."

This year, as is customary, the Freshmen arranged for a banquet, but either through culpable ignorance or an inadvertence, they decided to celebrate the 20th of February as Washington's birthday. This bold move, although presumably a secret, reached the ears of the upper classmen and they determined to punish the audacious first years for their presumption. Plans were laid and promptly at high noon on the 20th, marshalled in companies of four, with Job proudly leading the van, armed with a new clothes line for tying the refractory prisoners, the conspirators surrounded three Freshmen; this was the signal for a general uprising and the remainder of the day was Reign of Terror.

Officers roamed the streets jotting down the names of the participants; the cries of the Freshmen calling lustily for the police rang through the air; now the hurrying tread of feet was heard as a Freshman sped by hotly pursued; then an agonizing yell of a fresh victim being hurried away into captivity, froze the marrow in the bones, but night ended the carnage.

At ten o'clock the Freshmen were assembled in the Clifton Hotel parlors, whence they proceeded to the banqueting hall, forgetting their trials and woes, so the first class of the new century was initiated into college life.

WE HAVE NOTICED.

❖❖❖ It's the easiest thing in the world, from the spectator's stand point, to umpire a base ball game.

The fellow who never makes a mistake never did anything of any account.

It's much easier to call a visiting foot ball team whom we defeat than one who defeats us as a company of gentlemen.

The worst kicker doesn't always have the biggest feet.

Girls have more to do with the behavior of boys than they think.

There are plenty of girls worth their weight in gold ready to be given away.

The most entertaining people are not always those who talk the most.

Those who excuse the faults of others are too often trying to justify their own.

It's a good thing for the man who is kicking for his deserts that he doesn't get them.

The hardest kind of work is doing nothing.

It isn't always the best student who gets one hundred in examination.

Those who buy Sunday papers don't get them for the sermons and other religious news.

The fire always goes out on the coldest night of the winter.

Many a man will fight if you kick his dog but will let his wife carry in all the wood.

Preachers are not so very different from other people.

It takes lots of moral courage to stand out against the crowd.

The girl who fishes for a fellow generally catches a sucker.

A boy is ready to go just a little bit farther than the girl he's with.

Anybody can run a newspaper.

The slowest to make a promise is the readiest to keep it.

A FEW SOBER REFLECTIONS.

"There's something sadder than being poor—it is to have been rich,
Sadder than being plain—to have been pretty;
Sadder than being scorned—to have been loved,
And sadder than being unknown—to be forgotten."

❀❀❀ If we should look into the secret history of each man's life, we would find sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility."—*Longfellow*.

'Tis somewhat of the pessimist who said: "In the misfortune of our dearest friend there is always something which does not give us pain."

There is an old Arabian proverb which says: "Love your enemies, and be to your bitterest foe as the sissou tree, which perfumes with its odor the ax which brings it level with the ground."

It always tends to diminish the bump of self importance of a prominent man to remember that the world will move when he is dead; the wheels of progress will continue to turn without his aid; that people will laugh and cry, love and hate, rejoice and mourn, even after his body has crumbled to dust. No mortal man ever lived the world could not get along without. One drops from the ranks and others step forward to take his place; the world adjusts itself to the change and everything goes on as before. The importance of the individual is lost in the rush of the multitude.

MUSINGS OF OUR EMBRYONIC POET.

The honey bee has a stinger,
The fire fly has its flame,
The bed bug has no wing or tail,
But gets there just the same.

There was an old soldier called colonel,
Who thought his old carcass etolonel,
One day he took sick
'Cause he swallowed a brick,
And now he's in regions infolonel.

How doth the little busy fly
Improve each shining minute,
He lights upon the Senior's pate,
And wonders what is in it,

Poor fly! could you but see that brain,
Me thinks you'd pass it by.
For 'neath the eyelid there is blood,
Upon the Senior's eye.

And pretty soon he'll smite that fly
With all his might and main,
Then settle back into his chair,
And go to sleep again.*

Oh the sport he came down like a wolf on the fold,
And his pockets were laden with silver and gold.
Eight nights in the week he sported around,
On his card were three D's, that's all that he found.

*This doesn't quite rhyme but poetic license allows it. We just got our license renewed.

JUMBLED JINGLES.

I went upon a journey,
I thought I'd visit the sea,
I waved my hand at the ocean,
And the ocean waved back at me.

You may talk of the study of nature,
It's beautiful, I agree,
But take the advice of one who knows,
And let the bumble bee.

Many things go by the door,
Of every kind and class,
But the best of all was when I looked,
And saw the mountain pass.

I've seen a board walk,
I've heard a chalk talk,
Nor did they surprise me at all;
But the greatest thing yet,
Which I ne'er will forget,
Was the time when I heard the base bawl.

A maid who was slightly antique,
Once sat on the bank of a crique,
A man hap'ning there
Saw her take off her hair,
And now these two people don't spique.

"O! Kathrine dear, will you be mine,"
Said one, another jilted
"I love you Kathrine dear will thou,"
And Kathrine darling wilted.

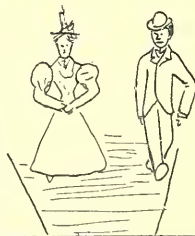
AS AN INFANT



AS A BOY



AS A YOUTH

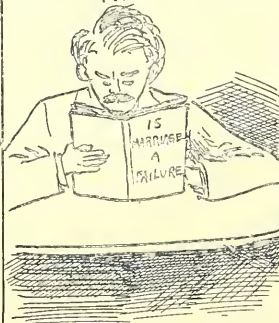


AS A STUDENT



A.S.C.

AS A MARRIED MAN



AS A FATHER



LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

❁❁❁ Butter—Strong and steady.
Cutlery—Very dull.
Chairs—Bottom knocked out.
Whiskey—Tight.
Seamstresses—Getting hire.
Beer—Going down.
Bread—Light and fancy.
Potatoes—Coming up.
Biscuits—Heavy.
Beets—Dead.

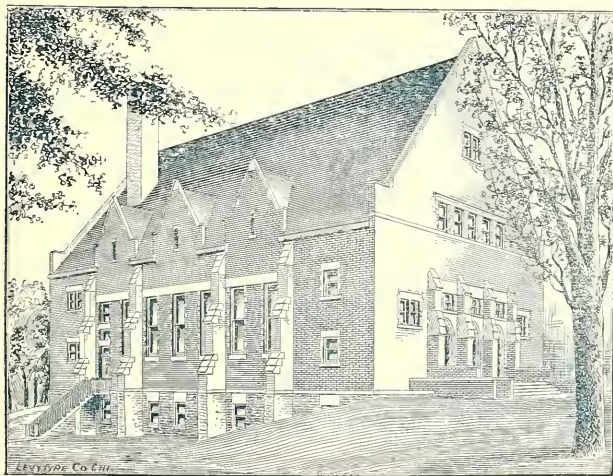
Chickens—A full crop.
Balls—Stuffing knocked out.
Eggs—Bad.
Thermometer—Going up by degrees.
Collars—High.
Kites—A good sail.
Postage stamps—Fast.
Sugar—Weigh off.
Stationery—All write.

THE NEW AUDITORIUM.

*** This year's commencement marks an epoch in the history of Monmouth College, by giving to the college a second building. For years the college has had use for but one building, although the present building was enlarged, but not until last year or year before last had the college really outgrown its present quarters and the need for a second building felt.

The new Auditorium and Gymnasium—which stands on the southwest corner of the campus—is now completed, dedicated to service and ready for occupancy, was begun last July and completed in March of this year. It cost about \$25,000, and the plans were made by D. E. Waid of the class of '87. It follows the Old English Gothic in design. The Auditorium has a seating capacity of between eight hundred and one thousand. On either side of the stage there is a room which is separated by sliding doors and can be made a part of the stage any time desired.

This is a building in which Monmouth College takes pride. It not alone is an honor to the college, it is an honor to the city in which it stands.



AUDITORIUM—OUTSIDE VIEW.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME.

❁❁❁ Not very many students envy the one who takes honors.

It's not the prettiest girl who always has the most company.

The student who hasn't a single moment to spare can always find time to read the papers.

Though the square envelope is generally the letter most joyfully received, 'tis the one from home would cause the most consternation if it were stopped.

You can't always judge a student's exchequer by the jingle of things in his pocket.

If a girl likes to have you call only because of the flowers and bon bons, you'd better stop.

Because a student's room is dark on Wednesday night is no sign he's at prayer meeting.

The fellow who has his name in the ORACLE most is not always the most popular boy in college.

A nice patent leather shoe often covers a slumbering volcano.

The greatest difference in students is often only a difference in capacity for hard work.

Poor writing is not always a sign of genius. 'Tis all the sign a great many have.

You can't always measure the popularity of a girl by her collection of photographs.

The artificial complexion may look the freshest but nature's own color wears longest.

A student's ability to make dates "doesn't show his knowledge of history.

The best reciter in the class room on Christian ethics, doesn't always speak from experience.

You can't always tell by a preacher's talk what kind of a fellow he was in college.

Sometimes lazy students make the best preachers, but that's no reason to believe you can.

Gravity doesn't show profundity any more than the posies on a girl's hat indicate a flowery imagination.

The item called "charity" in a student's expenditure account often covers a multitude of sins.

You can't tell by the way a girl sweeps into a room what kind of a wife she will make. Watch her try to sweep it out.

To know how to cook well is a better accomplishment than to be able to dance gracefully. It will save more harsh words after you're married.

Don't flatter yourself that you are not egotistic. An over show of meekness is the very worst kind of egotism. It is the "pride that apes humility."



AUDITORIUM—FROM STAGE.

ATHLETICS.

Monmouth College takes no inconsiderable interest in athletics. While for several years back the advisability of permitting college students to indulge in athletics has been discussed, yet here it has been believed that athletics, when under the control of the student and not of his master, are of benefit to him.

They cultivate regular habits, foster a healthy college spirit and rivalry, develop the latent powers of the contestant and teach many lessons which can be learned in no other way. But it must be remembered that athletics were created for the student, not the student for athletics. As soon as they come to occupy more than a subordinate position in student life they defeat the purpose for which they were intended and lay themselves open to the charge of abuse. When the instrument of good is itself made the ultimate end and the benefit of all is sacrificed for the good of the few, it becomes time to call a halt. But this view of the question does not prevent great skill on the part of the few with a great number of only secondary merit. In fact that college only can have its best men in the contest which realizes the obligation of giving every student all possible chance in making known and developing what is in him. And, on the other hand, that college most benefits all which tries to keep at the front in college athletics, which can only be done by making merit alone the criterion for position in any college team.

The football team last fall was a team of which Monmouth was pardonably proud. The team did excellent work, winning seven games out of eleven played. The coach, Mr. J. E. Pfeffer, of the University of Illinois, did most efficient work in developing new material and strengthening the old. The track team, however, has not this year done the good work that it did last. Many of its best members of last year, however, are not in school this year, and this in a great measure accounts for their poor showing. The baseball team has done some very good work this year. Some new men fill the positions ably, while the old players play as in years past.

There is nothing now to prevent Monmouth from taking a leading part in the athletics of the state. Monmouth always has had some of the very best of material, and has it now if it was developed.

There is a fine athletic park, of which any college might be proud, and now with the completion of the new gymnasium, there is not this excuse, which has heretofore obtained.

Monmouth has a membership in the State Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, and besides this some discussion has taken place as to the advisability of forming a triangular league with Knox and Illinois of Jacksonville. Besides usually there is a field meet between Philo and Ecritean societies. This latter contest is by no means uninteresting, and is the most hardly contested struggle of the year.





FOOTBALL TEAM.



TRACK TEAM.

RALPH HILL, *Manager.*

A. Ray Cavin,
Ralph Graham,
Alonzo Hanna,
J. Wallace Dunnan,

E. H. Duff,
Ralph Livingston,
Hugh Galloway,
Lewis H. McKinnie,

Dudley H. Ferrell,
M. J. Thompson,
T. H. Harris,
W. F. McAllister,

John Mahaffe,
Earl A. Soule,
R. C. Dunbar.

FOOT BALL TEAM.

EARLE SOULE, - - *Manager.*
RALPH MCKIRAHAN, *Captain.*
J. E. PFEFFER, - - - *Coach.*

Poilock Wallace	Right End
David Turnbull	Right Tackle
James Milne	Right Guard
R. L. Livingston	Center
George Wilson	Left Guard
Howard Hamilton	Left Tackle
T. G. Harris	Left End
Ralph McKirahan	Quarter Back
A. W. Glass	Full Back
W. G. Turnbull	Right Half Back
Samuel Munford	Left Half Back
Will McKelvey	Galloway, McCleery,
<i>Substitutes</i>	Mann, McClintock.

BASE BALL TEAM.

W. T. GRAHAM, - - *Captain*
R. L. LIVINGSTON, - *Manager.*

Fred Mann,	Pitchers and
Frank Alberson,	Center Fielders
W. T. Graham	Catcher
Ralph McKirahan	First Base
J. G. Schall	Second Base
Pollock Wallace	Third Base
Earle Soule	Short Stop
Charles Brown	Left Field
John P. Gillis	Right Field

Substitutes Bert Matthews
John Wallace

GAMES PLAYED-1896-'97.

FOOT BALL GAMES.

Monmouth vs St Albans, at Knoxville,
St. Albans won—18 to 16

Monmouth vs Eureka, at Bloomington,
Monmouth won—22 to 0

Monmouth vs. Chicago University, at Chicago,
Chicago won—42 to 2

Monmouth vs. Cambridge, at Monmouth,
Monmouth won—22 to 0

Monmouth vs Knox, at Galesburg,
Monmouth won—16 to 0

Monmouth vs. Penn College, at Oskaloosa.
Monmouth won—16 to 0

Monmouth vs. Drake University, at Des Moines,
Duke won—16 to 10

Monmouth vs. Mt. Pleasant, at Monmouth,
Monmouth won—18 to 0

Monmouth vs. Drake University, at Monmouth,
Duke won—12 to 2

Monmouth vs. St Albans, at Monmouth,
Monmouth won—14 to 0

Monmouth vs. Knox, at Monmouth,
Monmouth won—12 to 0

BASE BALL GAMES.

Monmouth vs. Knox, at Galesburg,
Knox won—7 to 5

Monmouth vs. St. Albans, at Monmouth,
Monmouth won—13 to 3

Monmouth vs. Ia. State University, at Iowa City,
Iowa City won—21 to 6

Monmouth vs. Western College, at Toledo, Ia.,
Toledo won—13 to 3

Monmouth vs. Drake University, at Des Moines,
Monmouth won—8 to 7

Monmouth vs. Knox, at Monmouth,
Knox won—8 to 3

Monmouth vs. Ia. Wesleyan University, at
Pleasant, Monmouth won—9 to 0

Monmouth vs. Lincoln University, at Monmouth
Monmouth won—3 to 1

Monmouth vs. Illinois College, at Monmouth,
Monmouth won—14 to 1

Monmouth vs. Drake University, at Monmouth,
Monmouth won—11 to 4



BASEBALL TEAM.



INTER-COLLEGIATE.

Records made at Monmouth in the Inter-Collegiate meet May 21, 1897.

Colleges Represented:—Knox, Illinois, Lincoln, Shurtleff, Monmouth,

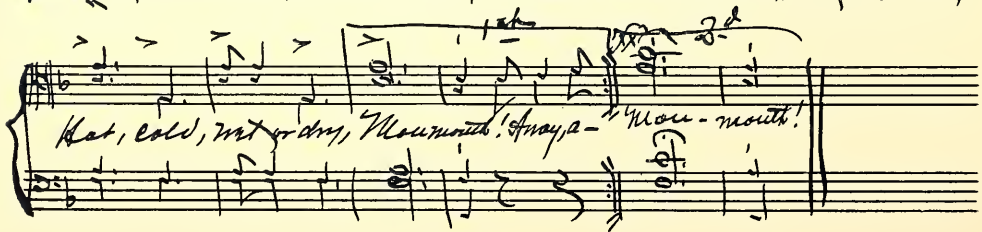
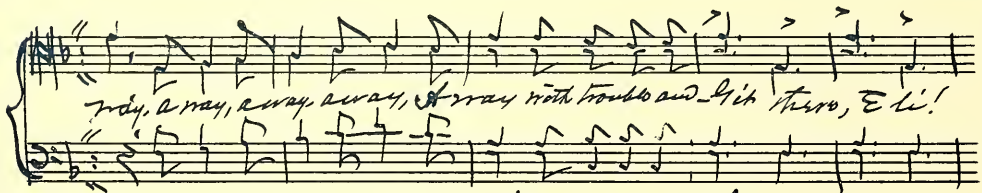
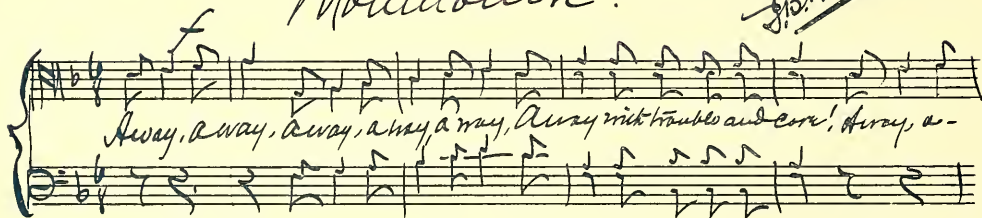
50-yard dash—Strickler of Illinois.....	Time 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	Hop-step-and-jump—Horbart of Knox.....	
100-yard dash—Darling of Illinois.....	Time 10 $\frac{3}{8}$	.....	Distance 43 ft 5 in
220-yard dash—Nash of Knox.....	Time 23 $\frac{3}{8}$	Running broad jump—Hobart of Knox . . .	
440-yard dash—Darling of Illinois.....	Time 52	.....	Distance 20 ft 3 in
880-yard run—Hanna of Monmouth. Time 2:09 $\frac{1}{4}$		Pole vault—Edwards of Knox.....	Distance 9 ft
Mile run—Hanna of Monmouth.....	Time 4:57 $\frac{1}{2}$	Shot put—Harbaugh of Knox	Distance 32 ft 6 in
Mile walk—Fitch of Knox.....	Time 8:52 $\frac{1}{2}$	Standing broad jump—Rafferty of Shurtleff	
One-half mile Bicycle—McLaughlin of Illinois	Time 1:14 $\frac{3}{8}$	.....	Distance 10 ft 1 in
Mile Bicycle—McLaughlin of Illinois, Time 2:44 $\frac{3}{8}$		Hammer throw—Harbaugh of Knox.....	
Two-mile Bicycle—McLaughlin of Illinois,	Time 5:30	.....	Distance 91 ft 7 in
120-yard hurdle—Hoag of Shurtleff.....	Time 19 $\frac{1}{4}$	Running high jump—Hobart of Knox.....	
220-yard hurdle—Darling of Illinois.....	Time 28 $\frac{3}{8}$	.....	Distance 5 ft 7 in

POINTS WON BY EACH:

Knox 94; Illinois 55; Monmouth 18; Shurtleff 13.

Moumouth!

J. H. Heebach





SECOND BASEBALL TEAM.





DR. J. B. HERBERT.

✿✿✿ The object of this article, and accompanying cut, is not to announce that there is a DR. HERBERT, for that would be very much like announcing, as a piece of information, that George Washington is the founder of this country, the existence of the country proclaims that. So with Dr. Herbert, his works in the musical line speak for him. But the object is to show that character, genius, talent and ability is appreciated.

Dr. J. B. Herbert was born in Cambridge, Ohio, in 1852. His parents moved the following year to Monmouth. At an early age he entered Monmouth College and received his degree when only 17. By the wish of his father he took up the study of medicine and graduated from Hanman Medical College at the age of 20. He successfully practiced medicine for several years, but such genius as Dr. Herbert's could not be obscured under the title of M. D., so he abandoned his profession and devoted his energies to the study of music, and the world has been made richer and sweeter by his choice.

Among his larger published works are "Herbert's Male Quartet Book," "Class and Concert," "Herbert's Anthems," "Battle Cry," "Quaint Quartets," "Tabernacle Anthems," "Herbert's Organ Voluntaries," and "Standard Anthems." In addition there is a long series of cantatas, sheet music, anthems and male quartets in octavo. He has also contributed largely to the Bible songs, to church hymns and Sabbath school music.

Last year Dr. Herbert was chosen as director of the musical department of Monmouth College, and by accepting, he has conferred a lasting benefit upon the College. He has not only maintained the high standard of excellence of the musical department, but his name and recognized ability has lent a new dignity to it.

CHRONOLOGY.

SEPTEMBER.

9. School opened.
10. Dunnan of Paxton, Baird of Iowa, arrive.
11. Philo open meeting.
12. Hot.
13. Everybody remembers the advice of his Ma and goes to church.
14. Recitations begin in earnest. So do flunks.
15. Pfeffer came.
16. Sophomores call a class meeting to consider the advisability of a picnic.
18. Eccritean open meeting.
19. McKinnie gets his head bumped in playing foot ball, and vows he will never play again.
20. Too warm to attend church.
21. Norcross decides to quit chewing tobacco.
22. Sophomores talk some more about a picnic.
23. Still more talk.
24. A. B. Ls settle the woman question.
25. Norcross takes a chew.
26. Dunnan agrees to plays end.
27. Sabbath.

28. Ronald makes out a schedule for the lecture course.
29. Revises his schedule.
30. Last day of September.

OCTOBER.

1. First day of October.
2. Mrs. Murdock pays her gas bill.
3. Guy stays at home.
4. Mahaffey gives two cents collection.
5. Prayer meeting night.
6. Time passes on.
7. Graham's regular night.
8. More Sophomore class meetings.
9. Ditto.
10. Sophomore picnic. Findley badly hurt. Back sprained. May not recover.
11. Discussions of the picnic.
12. Findley much better.
13. Ronald loses his schedule and makes a mistake in the girl.
14. Nothing exciting happens.
15. Findley returns the ironing board.
17. Snipe hunting expedition. Harpster holds the bag.
19. John Findley begins to wait on the Morrow.
22. Livingston lays in a supply of postage



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stamps.

21. McStravick and Wylie get in at three o'clock.

22. Hugh Speer gets reports of Tarkio's foot ball team.

23. Corner stone of New Auditorium laid. Also game with Chicago.

25. Fred McLaughlin sings in Second church choir. Pearl delighted.

26. Next day after Sabbath.

27. Job talks up a class social.

28. All the Junior present at class prayer meeting. Some talk of a picnic.

29. Secret expeditions to Nancy Martin's cellar. All Eccriteans send in for girls. Perrin enters college.

30. All the faculty eat peanuts. Bill Graham presents the cup won on field day.

31. Faculty still eating peanuts.

NOVEEBER.

1. Lots of Sunday papers sold. Monmouth looses to Des Moines.

2. Day before election.

3. All the voters go home to save their country.

4. Rumors of McKinley's election. McStravick loses hope.

5. More rumors.

6. Norcross and Wylie pay their bets.

8. Perrin fails to keep up his work and leaves school.

10. Excitement of election over. Smoke cleared away.

11. Everybody looks for end of term. Only seven weeks.

13. Pearl Pollard has a caller.

14. Bill Graham says he spent a very pleasant evening.

16. Findley has his hands full.

18. Job visits the psychology class.

20. Job sprains his foot and has to stay at home.

21. St. Albans badly beaten in foot ball.

22. McKirahan goes to church.

24. Bob Morris goes down in the sitting room to call on his girl.

25. Gets in early.

26. Great massacre in turkey.

28. Pfeffer's reception.

30. Schools begins again after vacation.

DECEMBER.

1. McCracken heaves in.

2. Meets Miss Gillespie.

3. Prof. McMillan's coal and gas bill begin to increase.

5. Students all go skating.

6. Too sore for church.

7. Seniors begin to read Greek Testa-

ment. Loss of Dr's bible leaves explained.

9. Jamieson loses his leaf and flunks.

10. Faculty buys a new silk hat.

11. Geo. Wilson favors Philo with his monthly rendition of Spartacus.

12. Students begin to cram.

16. Job disposes of one of his lecture course tickets.

18. Every fellow's last call till after exams.

19. More examinations.

20. Thoughts wise and otherwise.

21. Exams long drawn out begin.

22. Continued.

23. Finished.

24. Cards sent home. P. O. watched closely by many. Several Seniors decide to take German again. Bill Graham gets A in psychology.

25 To January 6, vacation.

JANUARY.

7. All students, including Baird, back again.

8. Rumors of Mary Jane afloat.

11. Monmouth treated to a glimpse of Oberlin.

12. Some fertile brain conceived the original idea of a Junior social.

13. It grows.

14. Morrison stops going with the girls.

15. Begins again.

16. Mrs. Murdock gets another gallon of oil.

17. McKinnie leads the Second church choir in a rousing anthem.

18. Junior boys draw girls for the social.

19. Everybody after trading till he gets the right one sends in.

20. Junior boys collect in excited groups. Likewise girls.

21. Social. Girls kidnapped. Carry-all busy. Lamp black. Hats lost. Pieces of hats for souvenir. McKinnie the hero.

22. McKinnie "scairt." McClintock springs new straw hat.

24. Worse "scairt."

25. Junior girls consciences begins to work and they pay for the mutilated hats.

27. College paper proposed.

29. Mitchell flunks and studies all night.

FEBRUARY.

1. First day.

2. Doctor has business elsewhere and Seniors get a vacation. Great rejoicing.

4. Everbody begins to think of the Freshman banquet.

5. McKirahan up out of bed for the first time.

McKirahan goes to the show.

8. Freshmen hold another class meeting. Decide to keep the banquet a secret.
10. It leaks out.
11. Hill wants to be a missionary and tries to quit using tobacco.
12. Girls get another confidential lecture.
13. Girls all out sleigh riding.
15. Alonzo Hanna gets his picture taken.
16. The Oracle an assured success. Everybody subscribes.
17. Freshmen hatch some new scheme. Plot thickens. Complication arises. Job elected commander-in-chief of opposing force.
18. McKinnie goes to Galesburg.
19. Freshman plans discovered.
20. Wallace, Dunnan and Munford visit the country. Girls mad. Job in his element. Norcross' horse balks. Help! Police!
21. Freshmen sleep.
22. Washington's birthday.
24. Alonzo tries to give away his pictures. Has ten left out of a dozen.
25. Oracle appears.
28. Last day of February.

MARCH.

1. Garrett gets his hair cut.
2. His landlady makes a pillow.
3. McStravick and Woodburn beat the wheel at Pollock's.

4. Alonzo gets rid of another picture. McKinley inaugurated.
5. Geo. Wilson gives Spartacus "for the last time," he says.
6. Hill gets a note.
7. Hill goes to church.
10. Bob McCaughey gets a letter, which will also do for each following day.
12. A. B. L. spread. Girls eat all they want for once.
14. Bible class meets with McKirahan and Young.
15. Casino club challenges Boynton club to a literary contest. Proceeds for athletic fund.
16. McLaughlin and Morris out late, application good three times per week.
17. Sophomore social. Garrett couldn't go till late. Dorris scared.
18. Mass meeting.
19. Faculty take a turn.
- 20 to April 5 Sophomore vacation. Painters out of a job.

APRIL.

5. Hill and McCaughey stay out a week to help sow oats.
6. Alberson enters college.
8. Campus class organize.
10. Work begins.
12. Geo. Wilson changes his mind and

gives Spartacus again. Positively the last appearance.

15. Several new members join the campus class. Much interest manifested.
17. Sophomore give "our boys" a reception.
19. Ronald and Glass apply for admission
21. Initiated into its mysteries.
23. McKirahan goes to Burlington.
26. Juniors buy a rubber ball and make some bats preparatory to playing ball.
28. Ralph Graham and Collins refused admission to campus class on charge of professionalism.
30. Ringling Bros' circus. Everybody goes down to see the parade.

MAY.

1. Saloons closed. Also May party.
4. Hunter bread and butterites play ball with the Boynton beefsteak chewers. Boynton wins.
5. Seniors send for caps and gowns.
- 6-7. Leotta opens New College Auditorium.
8. Drake loses to Monmouth in base ball.
10. Foland sneaks into a barber shop and gets his first shave.
12. Sophomores make Rome howl with their declamations in elocution.

14. Tom Brown sick from their effects.
15. Margaret Bruce asks "where in the heavens Hercules is found."
- 17-21. Seniors examinations. A great relief.
22. Thoughts turn toward orations and commencement.
23. Everybody takes points from the sermon.
25. Drake gets whipped again.
26. Lots of letters addressed to Tiffin, O.
27. Senior pictures taken. Everybody looks pleasant.
28. Seniors last appearance in chapel. They look radiantly beautiful in their caps and gowns.
29. "Our boys" defeat the Juniors in a base ball game. Score 87 to 79 in five innings.
30. Just church.
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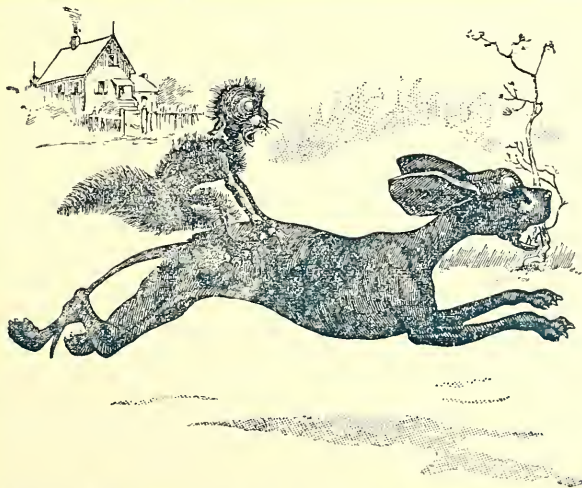
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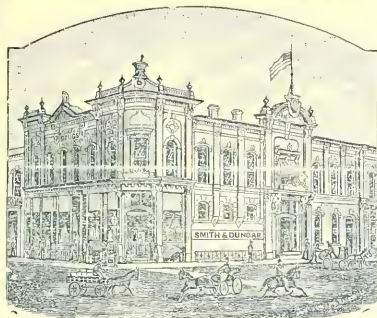
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